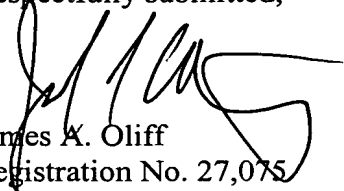


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 - 3, <sup>7</sup> and 8 are amended and claims 11 - 15 are added. No new subject matter is added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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